



Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

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Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
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U.S. EPA Region 10
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Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Final CWA §401 Decision on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit Number: IDG-37-0000, Small Suction Dredge Mining

Dear Mr. Lidgard:

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes completed its review of the preliminary final NPDES general permit IDG-37-0000 Small Suction Dredge Mining. This review was conducted in response to the request from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to certify pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) that there is reasonable assurance that the NPDES general permit will not violate applicable provisions of CWA Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, or 307 on lands within the Fort Hall Reservation.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Tribes) denies without prejudice water quality certification for all activities authorized by NPDES general permit No. IDG-37-0000 on the Fort Hall Reservation. An individual 401 certification is required for any activity associated to general permit IDG-37-000 within the Fort Hall Reservation.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this decision, please contact me at (208) 239-4580 or Candon Tanaka of my staff at (208) 239-4582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elese D. Teton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elese" being the most prominent part.

Elese D. Teton, P.E.
Tribal Water Engineer

Cc: Cindi Godsey
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